The Watergate Caper:Hunt's deposition/appearance HW 8/30/72

Hunt spent 1 1/2 hours in the Williams office yesterday for the deposition. This is a remarkably short while for such a character and such competent lawyers and with Hunt's backrgound, not the least of which is at the least a major part in engineering a disaster for JFK by making prohibited promises + the entire fiasco of the Bay Pigs. His involvemennt with Barker was hardly covered in this time. So, I suspect he in effect or reality too the fifth and the time was spent in legal bickering or this or both. TV didn't do well getting his picture as he left. NBC's was almost meaningless. CBS was a bit better. Shore got to speak to him a bit on the elevator in another bldg. (Shore, by the way, is the only one I heard who translated Nixon's comments into clear and meaningful English. Transcript attached to today's Post story.) Bob Burchette, an experienced man, got a head-on shot of Hunt seemingly at a doorway. As I'd thought on CBS viewing, even more from this picture does the lower part of his face seem familiar. On Tv he has his hand over his face most of the time. He was also carrying an attached case, wearing a straw hat (not the IN narrow brimmed, either) and large sunglasses. Same in Burchette's shot, but that shows the rest of his face clearly. The nose, the mouty and the wrinkles seem familiar. I could be imagining this. I haven't any idea of where I did or could have seen him. But there is the real or imagined familiarity of the nose, mouth, wrinkles and general appearance. I have a feeling of having seem him withour hat and glasses and some time before the large ties and shirts to accomodate came "in". This can be illusionary, but I got the feeling on Tv and have it more now.

Interestingly, on leaving the deposition-taking today and pleading complete and total ignorance. Colson did admit knowing Hunt for some time, meaning over a period of years before hiring him in 1971. He claimed Hunt did not work in his office. Nobody asked why he was assigned to Colson's office, got his phone calls there, had calls referred from there. Colson's deposition took 2 hrs, which I think bears on problems with Hunt's, which should have taken much longer.